

# Dawson assumes USAG-HI command

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**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — More than 22 Army Hawaii installations have a new leader look to, as Col. Stephen E. Dawson was named the new commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, June 3.

Dawson, of New Bedford, Mass., assumed leadership from outgoing commander Col. Richard A. Fromm II during their change of command ceremony held at Weyand Field. Dawson returns to Hawaii after last serving on Oahu more than 16 years ago.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine I’d get to return to Hawaii,” Dawson said. “It is extremely humbling, to be leading and serving in this community again.”

When Dawson was last in Hawaii in 1997, he served with 25th Infantry Division as a radio officer and as the 25th Division Artillery signal officer. He then finished his tour of Hawaii by becoming commander of Alpha Company, 125th

Signal Battalion. The battalion has since been restructured into separate signal companies or absorbed into other combat brigades.

Dawson takes command after his work as assistant chief of staff of the G3, for the 7th Signal Command (Theater). For the past two years, Dawson served in the unit based out of Fort Gordon, Ga.

During his inaugural speech, Dawson recognized the good work done by Hawaii’s service members and civilian officials, some of whom he knew while attending the Army War College in 2013. He also initiated a round of applause for several guests in the audience who are Gold Star families and lost a loved one.

“Gold Star families are an important, integral part of the community and the reason why we serve,” Dawson said. “Thank you for the sacrifice of your Soldier so that others can live free.”

## Fromm departs

Dawson and other civilian officials led the crowd in recognizing Fromm’s efforts. The outgoing commander received several awards, including a miniature koa wood outrigger canoe presented by Christine Altendorf, director of Pacific Region U.S. Army Installation Management Command. Altendorf later joked that Fromm’s happy face and angry face are the same nice face, since he knows how to keep calm in stressful situations.

During Fromm’s term, he led the update to aging infrastructures and several projects meant to improve the quality of life for Soldiers in Hawaii. Fromm spoke about the key to succeeding in all those projects.

“As I leave command, I know we could not accomplish it alone and we could not have done it without a good team,” Fromm said.

In his final official words to the community, he spoke about the importance of developing and maintaining strong community partnerships. Fromm thanked several people for their insight as community partners, including Allen Hoe, a Vietnam veteran who is a civilian



**Col. Stephen E. Dawson accepts command and the Installation Management Command flag from Christine Altendorf, director of the Pacific Region of U.S. Army Installation Management Command. Dawson assumed responsibility of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii during his change of command ceremony, June 3.**



**Col. Richard A. Fromm II shakes the hand of Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, senior commander, U.S. Army Hawaii, after receiving a medal before Fromm’s change of command, June 3.**

aide to the Secretary of the Army. Fromm said Hoe’s help was invaluable in understanding native Hawaiian concerns since this was his first time stationed in Hawaii.

He also thanked everyone in attendance, including his staff, for being able

to complete mission goals with shrinking budgets.

“It was an honor and privilege working with you,” Fromm said. “Together we’ve done so much to improve the life of Soldiers here.”

# 9th MSC Tropic Care provides real world experience

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**HAWAIIAN OCEAN VIEW, HI** — For medical reservists in the military, hands-on experience can be minimal unless they work in their field in the civilian sector.

Soldiers participating in Tropic Care 2016, have the opportunity to relearn and enhance their military training and competency.

Tropic Care is a two-week long health fair providing medical care and resources to people in underserved communities. For two weeks, beginning May 31, Soldiers and civilian health care providers are stationed to provide services to three communities on the island of Hawaii.

The goal is to gain experience and provide a wide range of medical services to the residents in not only those communities but from communities all over the island.

## Real world training

Sgt. Maj. Rosa Cunningham is the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge for the dental clinic at Hawaiian Ocean View Estates Community Center. For this event, her role is to ensure quality care for the patients and make sure her Soldiers and Airmen working under her are getting the training and experience they need.

“Senior enlisted are here to support the junior Soldiers, because they are expected to sit down and have that skill and be confident at it,” explained Cunningham. “So it’s important that we let them get the opportunity here where they have support.”

Oftentimes, the only training or experience medical Soldiers may receive is when they do their training at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin or at Fort Hunter Liggett in California, said Capt. Erin Velasquez, assistant operations officer, but even then it is only role playing experience which is not real.

“It provides that real world training and it’s dual fold, we are also providing a service that is needed for the population,” said Velasquez.

The experience that Soldiers gain from this will help them maintain their skills and stay up to date with relevant information.

“Unless they work in a civilian dental office, which I don’t believe any of them do, the only time they get hands-on experience is at their annual training,” said Cunningham. “This is really good experience for them to get competent and confident in their skill.”

## Cooperative effort

Tropic Care is a combined effort with the State of Hawaii Department of Health and U.S. Army Reserves that encompasses and utilizes skills from other military services and components, civilian businesses and community organizations.



**Pfc. Malik Brown (left), dental specialist, 1984th U.S. Army Hospital-Pacific, Fort Shafter Flats, repositions an X-ray sensor as Lt. Col. Paul Viator supervises during Tropic Care 2016.**

# 249th Eng. Battalion substation maintenance keeps HMR electrified

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**HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION, Hawaii** — Soldiers of 1st Platoon, A Company, 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) conducted training and performed maintenance on the Helemano Military Reservation power substation May 23-25 and June 1 and 2.

“We utilized this training opportunity in order to maintain critical components of the electrical distribution system that supplies power to more than 2,000 personnel within the Helemano Military Reservation community,” said mission officer-in-charge Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel Velez.

The 1st Platoon is one of four posted with its company headquarters in A Company, 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), at Schofield’s South Range area. The 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) is a power generation battalion



**Spc. Jonathan Medina, an electrician, assists Sgt. Jonathan Craft prior to opening energized power panels inside the Helemano power substation. Craft is a power station mechanic and both are with 249th Engineer Battalion.**

assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that provides commercial-level power to military units and federal relief organizations during full-spectrum operations. The project supported the efforts of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Directorate

of Public Works (DPW).

The Helemano substation works as the electrical generation, transmission and distribution system for all of HMR. The 1st Platoon Soldiers said this maintenance was necessary for maintaining stability in the HMR power grid as well as serving a deterrent to a future potential post “brown out.”

“We’re here to make sure a catastrophic loss of power never occurs,” said Sgt. Isaac Lower, the mission non-commissioned officer in charge and power station mechanic. “On previous maintenance done here we’ve found cases of panel switches actually trying to arch over to another power source on

the panel. It can be little issues like that where an entire panel board gets knocked out and could result in further power loss across HMR.”

The maintenance at the Helemano substation included opening power panels to visually examine circuit boards, testing circuit breakers and analyzing the mechanical substation power generation.

“We are the only post (A Company) of our 249th sister companies across the Army that actually works with a post DPW for maintenance like this,” said Master Sgt. Amanda Nolte, power safety sergeant. “So our platoons have a unique opportunity to train and provide regularly-scheduled maintenance for DPW on a rotational basis at the military substations on Oahu, one on Kauai and at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii.”

*(Editor’s note: Read the rest of the story at [www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com](http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com).)*



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## USARPAC WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF



Photos by Staff Sgt. Chris McCullough, U.S. Army Pacific Public Affairs  
**FORT SHAFTER — 1.) Maj. Gen. Mark J. O'Neil (right), chief of staff, U.S. Army Pacific, delivers his speech during at a Flying "V" ceremony held at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, June 3. The Flying "V" ceremony was held to honor O'Neil as he arrives to fill the role of USARPAC chief of staff. 2.) U.S. Army Pacific Commanding General Gen. Robert B. Brown (left) and O'Neil salute the colors as the national anthem is played.**

# Promotion rates jump for mid grades

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WASHINGTON — Sergeants first class seeking another stripe saw increased opportunity during the fiscal year 2016 master sergeant promotion board.

The selection rate jumped 35 percent, from 8.4 in FY15, to 11.8 in FY16.

Openings are projected in the master sergeant ranks in light of recent changes to retention control points for sergeants first class, master sergeants and sergeants major, that were announced May 26 in Army Directive 2016-19.

According Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, the changes to RCPs are part of an effort to right-size the Army for the current mission, reduce the need for forced separations, and create increased opportunities for promotion.

Similar increases in selection rate to sergeant first class are also expected during the 2016 board. Last year's board selected about 25.4 percent of the staff sergeants considered.

Beginning Oct. 1, some senior enlisted Soldiers will find they have a new "expiration, term of service," or ETS, as a result of changes to their retention control points.

Those changes roll back RCPs for sergeants first class and above who are in the regular Army, or who are serving under the Active Guard Reserve program. The changes will shorten RCPs by two to three years, and will help reduce the total size of the Army, in keeping with congressional

Current RCPs		New RCPs (1 Oct 2016)	
PVT-PFC	5	PVT-PFC	5
CPL/SPC	8	CPL/SPC (including P)	8
CPL/SPC (P)	8		
SGT	14	SGT (including P)	14
SGT (P)	14		
SSG	20	SSG (including P)	20
SSG (P)	20		
SFC	26	SFC (including P)	24
SFC (P)	26		
1SG/MSG	29	1SG/MSG	26
1SG/MSG (P)	32	1SG/MSG (P)	30
CSM/SGM	32	CSM/SGM	30

http://armypubs.army.mil/ebooks/pdf/r601\_280.pdf  
Army Directive 2016-19 (retaining a quality NCO Corps)

BASD for SFC and SFC(P)	
1-OCT-1992 and earlier:	26 years
2-OCT-1992 - 1-APR-1994:	25 years
2-APR-1994 and later:	24 years

BASD for 1SG and MSG	
1-OCT-1989 and earlier:	29 years
2-OCT-1989 - 1-OCT-1990:	28 years
2-OCT-1990 - 1-APR-1992:	27 years
2-APR-1992 and later:	26 years

BASD for 1SG/MSG(P) and CSM/SGM	
1-OCT-1986 and earlier:	32 years
2-OCT-1986 - 1-APR-1988:	31 years
2-APR-1988 and later:	30 years

Army Directive 2016-19 (retaining a quality NCO Corps)

**Beginning Oct. 1, 2016, the Army will adjust the retention control points for sergeants first class, master sergeants and sergeants major. The changes are part of an effort to right-size the Army for the current mission, reduce forced separations, and create increased opportunities for promotion.**

mandates to do so; shape the NCO promotion system and NCO Corps; and help ensure upward mobility for mid-grade NCOs.

An RCP indicates the number of years of time in service a Soldier may not exceed for the grade they serve in. For instance, the RCP for a sergeant is 14 years. Sergeants must either leave the Army at 14 years, or

get promoted to staff sergeant. The RCP for staff sergeants is 20 years. At 20 years, a staff sergeant must either retire, or get promoted to sergeant first class in order to continue to serve.

For sergeants first class, including those who are promotable, their RCP will change from 26 to 24 years. For first sergeants and master

## FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

# A magnitude of thankfulness can be worthwhile

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.)  
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A recent study indicated that gratitude actually "improves psychological health." The study on scientifically-proven benefits of such thankfulness shows that this "gratitude reduces a multitude of toxic emotions, ranging from envy and resentment to frustration and regret."

Robert A. Emmons, Ph.D., is a leading researcher in the area of gratitude studies. He found much research showing a strong



Photo by Christine Cabalo, Oahu Publications

connection between gratitude and well-being. His study confirms that being thankful "increases happiness and reduces depression."

It is no surprise that thankfulness would have a relationship to happiness and mental health.

People continue to strive for satisfaction in many forms of materialism, prosperity and entertainment. It is a humble thankfulness that is among the esteemed highest virtues of men and women to live out.

One last benefit found in gratitude studies showed that being thankful plays a role in being able to process trauma better. Post-traumatic stress

disorder studies show that gratitude was instrumental in experiencing "lower rates of the disorder."

A 2006 study published in Behavior Research and Therapy Journal found that Vietnam War Vets with a high level of gratitude experience lower rates of PTSD. The article states that this thankful endurance cultivates a type of resilience among the veterans. Overall, thankfulness is a current need in our culture and a dire need of our modern narcissistic times.

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# Voices of Ohana

## “What’s the best part of celebrating the Army’s Birthday?”

By Sgt. 1st Class Thomas G. Collins, 500th MI Brigade Public Affairs



“We get to honor the history of the U.S. Army and all the accomplishments of our Army to the nation. And, I get to eat cake.”  
**Capt. Steven P. Buhler**  
brigade training officer  
500th MI BDE



“The best part of celebrating the Army’s birthday is celebrating 241 years in the profession of arms.”  
**Maj. Michelle A. Byron**  
brigade operations OIC  
500th MI BDE



“It’s an additional opportunity for us to look at our fellow Army service members as not just Soldiers, but as a family and celebrate with that family.”  
**Chief Warrant Officer Sammy Liddell**  
anti-aircraft technician  
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500th MI BDE



“I’ve always wanted to be a part of history, and what more history does the U.S. have than its Army.”  
**Staff Sgt. Loni Y. Martinez**  
brigade legal NCOIC  
500th MI BDE



“The Army’s birthday is an excellent opportunity to celebrate unit heritage and build esprit de corps.”  
**Capt. Jason A. Mull**  
brigade deputy operations officer  
500th MI BDE



# Near or above normal hurricane season expected

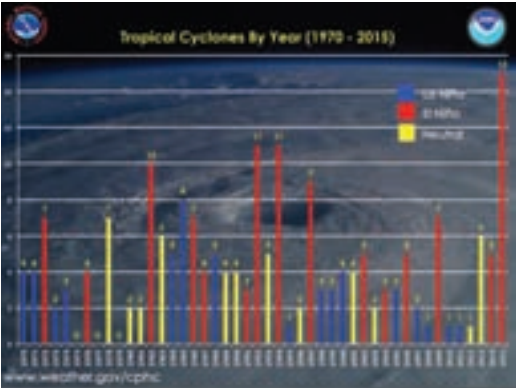
**NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION**  
News Release

HONOLULU — NOAA's Central Pacific Hurricane Center today announced the 2016 seasonal hurricane predictions for the central Pacific region. This year's outlook calls for an equal 40 percent chance of a near- or above-normal season with 4-7 tropical cyclones likely, and only a 20 percent chance of a below-normal storm season.

An average season has 4-5 tropical cyclones, which includes tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes.

This outlook is based on the expectation that El Niño conditions will likely be transitioning to La Niña during the hurricane season. La Niña typically suppresses central Pacific hurricane activity by increasing the wind shear and causing an irregular sinking motion in the atmosphere, both of which suppress storms from forming and intensifying.

However, the central Pacific basin might be shifting toward a more active decadal cycle, in response to changing global sea surface temperatures patterns in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.



Infographic courtesy of National Weather Service  
**The above graph shows 2015 was the most active tropical storm and hurricane year since the 1970's. A total of 15 tropic storms occurred last year in the Central Pacific.**

This combination of competing climate factors, along with model predictions for weaker vertical wind shear and warmer sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific hurricane region, suggest that the hurricane season will likely be near- or above-normal.

This outlook is a general guide to the overall seasonal hurricane activity in the central Pacific basin and does not predict

whether, or how many, of these systems will affect Hawaii.

NOAA issued its Central Pacific hurricane outlook at a news conference in Honolulu, May 26, and urged Hawaii residents to be fully prepared before the hurricane season, June 1-Nov. 30.

“Preparation is the key. We all need to engage in planning and preparing right now for the upcoming hurricane season,” said Gerry Bell, Ph.D., NOAA's lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at the Climate Prediction Center. “Assess the structure in which you live, and take any steps necessary to strengthen it so that it will withstand the tremendous force of a hurricane. Have a plan of where you will go and what you will take with you should an evacuation be necessary. Practice your plan, ensure you have a way to get the latest official forecast and emergency information, and assemble the supplies you might need. Doing these things now will ensure we will all be weather-ready and disaster resilient well before the storms threaten.”

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center

continuously monitors weather conditions, employing a network of satellites, land- and ocean-based sensors and aircraft reconnaissance missions operated by NOAA and its partners.

This data array of supplies the information for complex computer modeling and human expertise that serves as the basis for the hurricane center's track and intensity forecasts that extend out five days. The seasonal hurricane outlook is produced in collaboration with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (a division of the National Weather Service).

**More Online**  
Get more details at these sites:

- Central Pacific Hurricane Center, [www.weather.gov/cphc](http://www.weather.gov/cphc).
- Facebook, [www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.Honolulu.gov](https://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.Honolulu.gov).
- Weather Ready Nation Ambassador Information, [www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/ambassadors.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/ambassadors.html).

# 599th Transportation partners join major sealift upload

Story and photo by  
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — The 599th Transportation Brigade and its partners uploaded 25th Infantry Division cargo and equipment May 31 and June 1 onto the general cargo vessel Ocean Glory.

The Ocean Glory is a Military Sealift Command chartered vessel. It came to Pearl Harbor from Tacoma, Wash., and will continue on to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia as part of Pacific Pathways 16-2.

A deployment and distribution management team comprised of personnel from the Guam Detachment, and the 836th Transportation Battalion headquartered at Yokohama North Dock, Japan, were on hand to help the 599th manage the upload.

“We are able to use both of the ship's cranes to simultaneously load the equipment, so everything is going pretty fast now,” said Ron Barrer, Guam Detachment marine cargo specialist.

**Joint effort**

Service members from several units assisted in transporting the shipment.

“We've also had help from the Navy cargo handling



**Air Force and Navy personnel work together to finish loading a light medium tactical vehicle lifted by the rear crane on the Ocean Glory at Pearl Harbor, June 1.**

battalions and the Air Force for this move,” said Sean Manning, 836th Trans. Bn. marine cargo specialist.

Air Force Tech Sgt. Louis Zamudio, 433rd Logistical Readiness Squadron from San Antonio, said his team

was on hand at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam working with the 647th Logistical Readiness Squadron there.

“When we heard they needed some help here at Pearl Harbor, we volunteered to come over,” Zamudio said. “We’ve never worked a ship move before, but we know how to lash down cargo.”

Barrer said because the Navy, Air Force and Army are all working the move they needed to ensure everyone is on the same page for every part of the move. Following the upload at Pearl Harbor, the ship still had to upload more cargo from West Loch pier.

“Because traffic Honolulu traffic is so heavy, we’ll send a marine cargo specialist on the ship to make sure one is there when the ship arrives,” Barrer said.

The ship arrived at Pearl Harbor at 6 a.m. on May 31; it moved to West Loch pier at 4:30 p.m. on June 1, and the ship sailed that day at 8:30 p.m.

Team members for the move were the 599th Transportation Brigade; Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Military Sealift Command; 836th Transportation Battalion from Yokohama North Dock, Japan; Guam Detachment; Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 8 from Lakehurst, N.J.; and 433rd Logistical Readiness Squadron, from San Antonio.

# ‘No Fear’ squads train

Story and photo by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Task Force No Fear conducted an emergency deployment readiness exercise (EDRE) at several locations on Oahu, recently.

The task force was comprised of 3rd Brigade Combat Team elements from 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment; 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regt.; and 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regt., 25th Division Artillery.

The exercise began with a short two-day window to review all equipment and personnel from the task force to validate deployment readiness.

Simultaneously baggage and equipment was packed and prepped for load out, personnel manifested for transportation, and the staff conducted mission planning to ensure that operations were ready to begin as soon as troops hit the ground.

Gen. Robert B. Brown, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, and Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn, commander, 25th ID, visited the training sites to review the deployment validation.

Brown’s primary focus was to observe the processing of vehicles through customs inspections as well as the overall layout of all equipment and baggage prepped for load out.

Validation of deployment readiness culminated with cold load training of vehicles into a C-17 Globemaster III at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Soldiers got a firsthand look at the cargo transport as well as learning to work with crew chiefs to expedite the loading process.

To round out the exercise, Task Force No Fear conducted a short field training



**Soldiers assigned to 1st Plt., Co. B, 2-27th Inf. Regt., rehearse actions on the objective in preparation for squad situational training exercise (STX) lanes, recently.**

exercise at Dillingham Airfield’s training area. While at Dillingham, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-27th Inf. Regt., conducted a tactical operations center exercise to setup and validate mission command nodes. Troop A, 3-4th Cav. Regt., occupied traffic control points as well as performed area security.

Soldiers assigned to Co. B, 2-27th Inf. Regt.’s occupied a patrol base from which squad situational training exercise and rehearsals of actions on the objective were conducted, while Co. H performed field feeding with two hot meals per day as well as field maintenance to keep the fleet rolling.

Soldiers from 3-7th FA, in conjunction with battalion, Troop A and Co. B mortars, conducted call for fire drills as part of the security mission.

In the end, the Soldiers of Task Force No Fear successfully conducted their EDRE during the five days of strenuous activity.

*(Editor’s note: Weiss is with 2-27th Inf. Regt.)*



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com)

**Today**  
**Birthday Commemoration** — U.S. Army-Pacific celebrates the 241st Army birthday commemoration, tonight, at Hilton Hawaiian Village. Military

should wear dress blues or mess, and civilians should wear formal evening attire. Call 438-6361.

**13 / Monday**  
**USS Arizona** — From June 13-26, the dock for the USS Arizona Memorial will be dismantled, removed and replaced.

Visitors will not be able to disembark onto the USS Arizona Memorial during this time, although a boat ride to observe the memorial will still be available.

All other visitor services will remain unchanged.

The dock was designed in Hawaii by a local company. A series of skid-proof ramps will replace the combination of steps and ramps that currently provide walking and wheelchair access from the dock to the memorial. Visit [www.nps.gov/valr](http://www.nps.gov/valr).

**14 / Tuesday**  
**Army Birthday** — Soldiers celebrate their 241st birthday and Flag Day.

# All must take caution with email

**AUBREY LOVE**  
Army News Service

A spoofed email is intentionally altered by the sender to imply that it is coming from a legitimate source such as a bank, company, friend or an online store. In other situations, spoofing is a way of dishonestly marketing an on-line service or trying to sell you a bogus product. Here are the scams:

**The business spoof**  
Most of these will have the appearance of a well-known company such Dell Computers or Microsoft. Often they are trying to get you to purchase some fake warranty or upgrade for your hardware or software.

When in doubt, call the company directly (don’t use the number in the email) and speak with the sales department about the service or product being offered in your email.

**The personal spoof**  
You get an email from a close friend saying he is stuck in the Cayman Islands and has lost his billfold, passport and everything but the clothes on his back. Naturally you want to help.

In the email they are always asking for money to be wired. Combat this spoof by simply contacting your friend to confirm the email is legit.

**The data spoof**  
Dishonest users or con men will alter different parts of an email disguis-

ing themselves as someone else for the purpose of getting your email contacts. The types of information they are trying to obtain and alter are;

1. From – name and address
2. Reply-To – name and address
3. Source IP – address (your IP address)

The first two properties are easily altered by using settings in your Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, Hotmail or other email services. The third property (IP address) is a bit more difficult, but not impossible to alter. While some spoof-altered emails are falsified by hand, most are created by software such as ratware. Ratware programs will often run massive built-in word lists to generate thousands of target email addresses, spoof a source email and then shoot out those emails to the list generated targets. These email address lists are generated from your contact list.

**Defend against spoof emails**  
Question the email and its contents. Be particularly cautious if it has an attachment, this is almost always a good tell-tale sign that something is not right.

Think in rational terms. I know my neighbor is not in the Cayman Islands since I just saw him last night grilling in his backyard. The IRS is not going to contact someone via email about an outstanding tax debt. If they want to contact that person, they will send a certified, hard copy letter to the home of the person they are trying to contact.



## Today

**Lane Closure** — One lane will be closed at Schofield’s Menoher Road, between Hewitt and Parrish Street, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., until June 22. (No holiday work is scheduled.)

The additional work is

for a water line connection at Menoher Road. During this time, work will include water line connection and curb and cutter pour and placement. Cones and flag personnel will be on-site for this work.

Traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to walk around the work area.

**Lane Closure** — There will be a lane closure on Schofield’s Sargent Street next to Bldg. 690, for water main excavation. Sargent will be restricted to one-lane access until June 23.

During all construction, the contractor will have all appropriate signs and barriers for closing each side of the roadway.

- Phase II: June 2-9,
- Phase III: June 9-21, and
- Phase IV: June 21-23.

**TAMC** — A road closure for Jarrett-White Road continues weekdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., until June 17 at Tripler Army Medical Center to restore damage to the road surface, curb and gutter. Emergency vehicles will have access through the closure.



# Spirit of Aloha underscores joint training efforts

Story and photos by  
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FORT SHAFTER — Aloha. The roots of this genial word burrow far below the loose layer of introductory phrases. Aloha embodies a fundamental code of ethics that advocates unity, honesty, humility perseverance and alertness.

The spirit of Aloha inspires the people of Hawaii to lead a life that promotes abundant health, success and prosperity.

Throughout its 118-year history, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC) has honored the spirit of Aloha by integrating its ancient teachings with modern military doctrine. Its close embrace with Aloha’s harmonious laws and lessons has promoted countless partnerships whose inclusiveness reflects the vastness of the ocean from whence they came.

As budgets shrink and priorities expand, USARPAC looks to its partners to reinforce programs that promote the fusion of talent and resources among multiple players. The Army Total Force Policy stands as one of the most recent and well-received initiatives that integrates active and reserve component forces.

“The Army Total Force Policy directs its active duty, Reserve and National Guard components to produce synergies that help the Army accomplish its missions,” said Brig. Gen. Brian E. Alvin, director of USARPAC’s Army Reserve Engagement Cell (AREC). “The Army Reserve, in particular, brings unique capabilities the other components do not have in great abundance.”

One great capability projected by the Army Reserve revolves around its law enforcement assets. The

200th Military Police Command, the Army Reserve’s largest law enforcement agency, offered its immense manpower and expertise to bolster its active duty counterparts stationed in Japan and Hawaii.

“The 200th MP Command brings trained personnel, advanced equipment and other law enforcement related resources that USARPAC does not have in large quantities,” said Lt. Col. Robert L. Barney Jr., deputy provost marshal for USARPAC. “Engaging Reserve units like the 200th MP Command is the most effective way to accomplish our missions.”

“Many Soldiers in the 200th MP Command are police officers and first responders in their civilian professions,” added Alvin. “They bring unique skillsets to the field that help fulfill USARPAC’s mission requirements.”

These requirements reach a critical stage when a contingency produces large-scale deployments that deplete its law enforcement capabilities in Hawaii.

“That’s why we must build these partnerships between our active duty MPs and our Reserve brothers and sisters now,” said Col. Duane R. Miller, commander of the 8th MP Brigade headquartered at Schofield Barracks. “By establishing these relationships early, the 200th MP Command can better prepare to provide critical functions (in Hawaii) while my command focuses on making a smooth transition from garrison duties to rapid deployments that support contingency operations.”

*(Editor’s Note: Read the rest of this story online at [www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com](http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com).)*

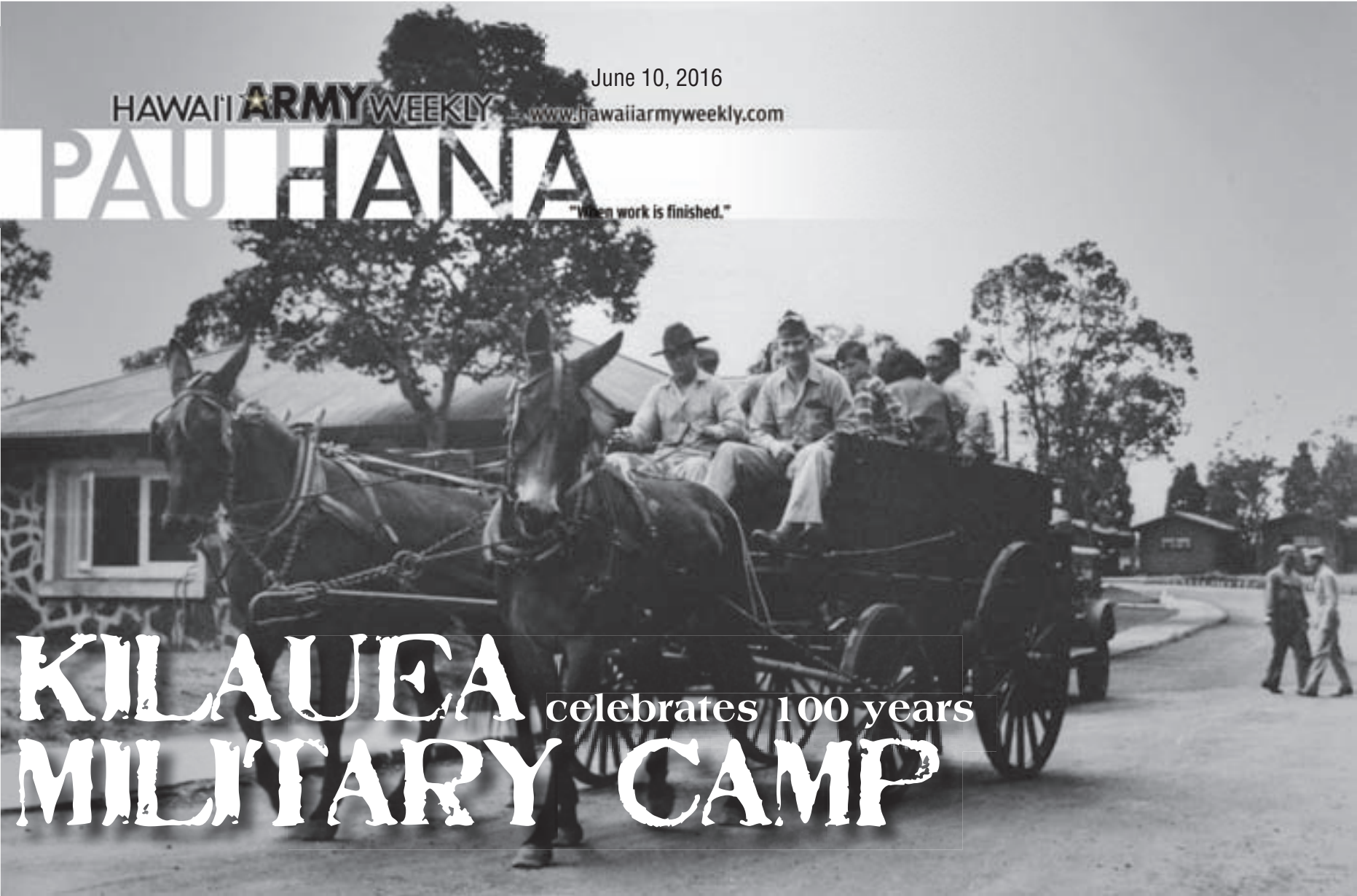


**Soldiers from the 414th MP Company, headquartered in Joplin, Mo., learn from the 8th MP Brigade how to file reports in the Army tracking system.**



**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Hilton, first sergeant, 414th MP Company, keeps his guard up during a non-lethal weapons and tactics course conducted recently here.**





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"When work is finished."

# KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP celebrates 100 years

Photo courtesy of Kilauea Military Camp

In the early days at Kilauea Military Camp, getting around by horse and cart was the normal mode of transportation. The camp was first formed on the island of Hawaii in 1916 out of 52 acres of land and is now available for military patrons, family members and their sponsored guests.



Photo by John Reese, Hawaii Army Weekly

The Eisenhower House is named after President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who stayed at the larger cabin when he was Army chief of staff in 1946.



Photo courtesy of Kilauea Military Camp

The above photo is one of several historical images on display at the camp from its earlier days with Soldiers standing in formation.



Photo by CJ Kale, Lava Light Galleries

KMC was established in the summer of 1916 to build a training and recreation area for the National Guard. It now offers 90 guest cottages, several common buildings, apartments and a 110-bed dormitory.

## KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP

News Release

### VOLCANOES NATIONAL

PARK — This year marks the 100th anniversary of Kilauea Military Camp, 52 historic acres of accommodations located at the edge of an active volcano that had two new lava flows and surface activity at the Kilauea Volcano's lava lake just last week.

The camp began as a commercial venture in the summer of 1916 to build a training and recreation area for the National Guard. It now offers 90 guest cottages and apartments with one, two or three bedrooms, and a 110-bed dormitory that was packed on Memorial Day, when Army Reserve medical Soldiers and their German and British counterparts recently visited. The KMC facilities are available to military patrons, family members and their sponsored guests.

Visits to the Big Island by Soldiers and Sailors occurred as far back as the 1840s, and local leaders created a rest camp for military personnel. Unlike other military facilities, early buildings were preserved and repaired instead of being torn down.

"That's the best thing about this place," said retired Army Col. Randy Hart, director, KMC. "It doesn't change."

### Spartan beginnings

The first permanent party for KMC was a company of infantry troops. They were expected to provide their own tents with the three original buildings. Because the business venture wasn't profitable — the Soldiers had to ruck march a long way from the rail terminus and besides the view of the volcano, rec activities were limited to goat hunting, drill and exploration — the Army took control of KMC. It was a 10-mile hike to the camp from the end of the rail line, all uphill.

"It's what (is) not different ... what hasn't changed is the uniqueness of KMC," Hart said. "The first



Photo by John Reese, Hawaii Army Weekly

All of the camp's cabins and several common buildings feature glass art, some crafted in the 1980s.

buildings were all put up in 1916. The buildings belong to the Army and the land to the Department of Interior."

By 1922, the tents were replaced by cottages, a post exchange, bakery, barber shop, and power and water plants. A bell tower was installed to warn of volcanic eruptions.

From 1926 to 1935, the Navy, too, built a rest and recreation camp at KMC, which was transferred to the Army's control due to a slow resolution of a lease agreement between the Navy and the National Park Service.

In the 1940s, KMC served as both a camp for Japanese internment and prisoners of war. One of the visitors in 1946 was Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who stayed in a slightly larger cabin that is now decorated with pictures of the former supreme Allied commander.

Two former guests of that cottage were back to visit during the 100th anniversary, May 30.

Due to a typo on his orders in 1962, Navy veteran Charles Zink and his wife Carolyn were assigned

that VIP cottage when KMC staff thought the young noncommissioned officer was a senior officer.

"I just had to pick up the phone by the bed in the middle of the night, and I'd have a ham sandwich in five minutes," Zink recounted.

As the Zinks looked over the exterior of the building, the current guest, Dr. Christine Altendorf, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific, who was there to attend the Memorial Day commemoration, arrived and offered to let them see the interior again after more than five decades.

"To think, I'm walking on the same floorboards as Eisenhower," Altendorf said.

In 1949, KMC opened its doors to all military branches. Since then, it has served more than a quarter of a million military personnel, family members and sponsored guests.

Some of the buildings and all but one of the cabins are adorned with stained glass windows. It started out with one cabin that was being renovated in the mid-1980s by local artist Beverly Jackson.

"Building these windows was a labor of love," Jackson wrote in a 1999 description of the project.

To celebrate its centennial, the camp is featuring an array of events and promotions, including a typical 1916 dinner, period music and dancing in its club (the Lava Lounge), theater presentations, a giant birthday cake and a set of centennial coins for — what else? — \$19.16.

(Editor's note: Additional information in this article was provided by John Reese, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.)

### Remembering 100 years

To learn about upcoming events celebrating the 100th anniversary of KMC, visit [www.kilaueamilitarycamp.com](http://www.kilaueamilitarycamp.com).



Photo courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory  
This lava lake can be seen from the rim of Halemaumau Crater. Two spattering areas were active when this photo was taken June 2. Kilauea Military Camp is only a three-minute drive to the volcano lookout area.

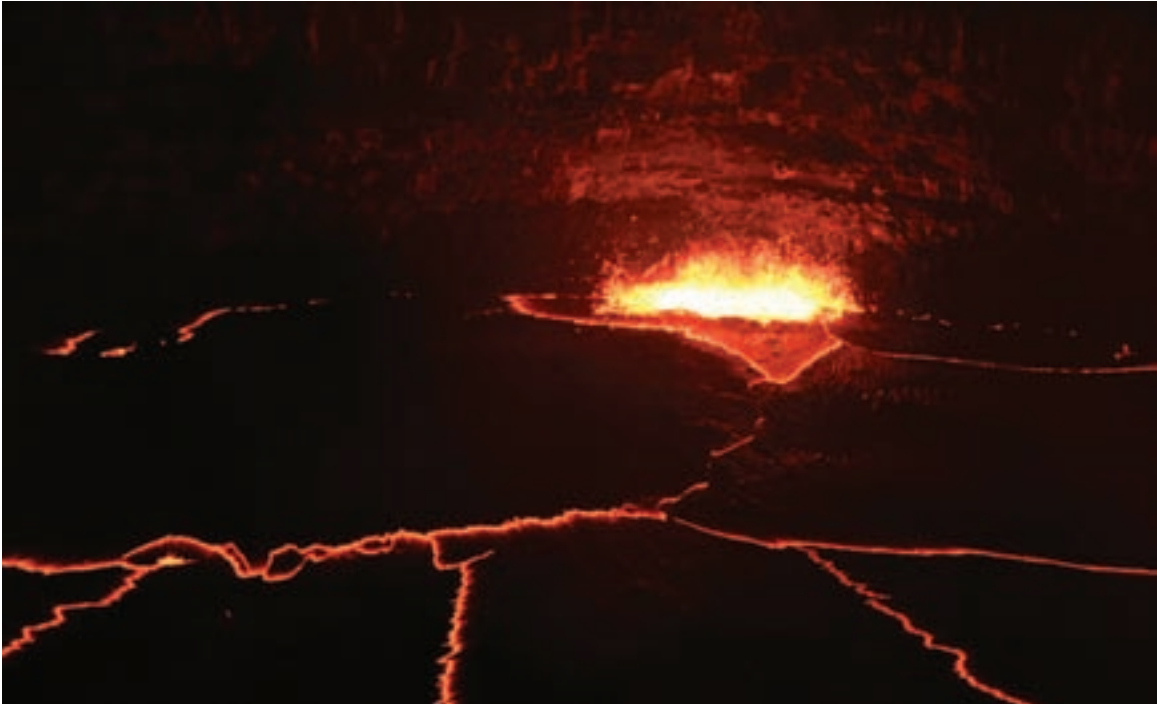


Photo courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

The summit lava lake in Halemaumau Crater was at a high level in the evening, June 2 inside the Hawaii Volcano National Park. The KMC offers a place for military-affiliated guests to stay near the park. This view looks north from the rim of Halemaumau Crater, which is closed to the public due to ongoing volcanic hazards.





Briefs  
Today

**Resume Workshop** — Learn to create or update your resume for a private sector job, 10 a.m.-noon, SB ACS. Choose the best format to demonstrate your experience and skills. Target your resume to the job you are seeking and effectively summarize your accomplishments. Call 655-4ACS to register.

**Framing Class** — Arts and Crafts framing classes offered, with a maximum of four students, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost of \$75 includes all supplies. Register at 919 Humphreys Rd., Bldg. 572. Call 655-4202.

**Paint and Sip** — Create your own masterpiece while enjoying Tropics signature drinks and food, 7-9 p.m. An experienced artist will guide you through the relaxing process of painting while you sip on your beverage of choice. All supplies provided, \$30 per person includes beverage. Pre-registration is required, please call or visit: Tropics, Foote Avenue, Bldg. 589, 655-5698.

11 / Saturday

**Salsa Night** — Salsa dance like no one is watching and enjoy an open dance floor and live music as SB Tropics transforms into a Latin American salsa scene, 7 p.m.  
Call 655-5698.

12 / Sunday

**Sunday Brunch** — Savor roasted prime rib with a peppercorn and garlic crust, along with

RUN SIGN-UP



**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** —Ready to race? The Army 10 K qualifier is open to runners over the age of 16 with post access. The top active duty Soldiers can earn a spot on Team Army Hawaii on Oct. 9 for the Army 10-miler in Washington D.C.

exquisite dishes infused from the Pacific Rim, Asia and Hawaii nouveau at the FS Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

**PS4 Tournament**— Do you have game? Come to Tropics every Sunday and play Madden 16. Sign-up begins at 11 a.m., games begin at 11:30 a.m. No participation fee. Call 655-5698.

14 / Tuesday

**Celebrate Army's Birthday at Schofield Bowl** — Wear a military unit T-shirt and receive one free game of bowling. Groups of four or more in their T-shirts will receive complimentary shoe rental. Based on lane availability.

**FS Pre-School Story Times** — Children 3-5 years old

listen to stories and sing and dance at the FS Library, 181 Chapplear Road, Bldg. 650. Call 438-9521.

**Bubble Show** — The Bubble Lady performs her educational and interactive Amazing Bubble Show, for ages 6 and up at FS Library, 3:30 p.m. SB Sgt. Yano Library hosts Bubble Lady, 3 p.m., June 15. Call 655-8002 or 438-9521.

**Taco Tuesday** — Every Tuesday night, SB Kolekole Bar & Grill features three tacos, rice and beans dinner for only \$4.99 at 1249 Kolekole Ave. Call 655-4466.

**15 / Wednesday**  
**SB Pre-School Story Times** — Sgt. Yano Library offers children 3-5 years old, stories, songs

and dance, 10 a.m. Special guest Bobber the Water Safety Dog will be on hand. Learn how to be safe this summer from Bobber; 1565 Kolekole Avenue, Bldg. 560, SB. Call 655-8002.

**SAFER Group** — This discreet women-only group meets weekly, 9-10:15 a.m., at ACS to explore issues such as self-esteem, self-care and understanding abuse. Support and resource pathways are offered, along with discussion of managing stress, power and control, and the cycle of violence.  
Call 655-4227 for more information or to register.

**16 / Thursday**  
**Community Readiness Expo** — New to Hawaii? The USAR-HAW Community Readiness Expo is held 9 a.m.-noon, at the SB Nehelani. Learn about Army community resources from service agency representatives at this weekly interactive orientation without briefings. Call ACS at 655-4227.

**22 / Wednesday**  
**Play Mornings at ACS** — Meet other parents to share information and parenting tips, and give your infant/toddler a chance to interact with other children in a safe, structured and nurturing environment, 10-11 a.m., on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at SB ACS. Call 655-4227 to register.

**Teen Manga Club** — Manga fanatics are welcome to meet for manga/anime discussions and activities every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 3 p.m. at SB Sgt. Yano Library, 1565 Kolekole Ave., Bldg. 560, SB. Call 655-8002.

**23 / Thursday**  
**Kid's Day at Schofield Bowl** — Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., throughout June receive two free games for kids 16 and under at SB Bldg. 557, Burr Street. Call 655-0573.

worship  
Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil).  
(Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

**Buddhist Services**  
• First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD  
• Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Catholic Mass**  
• Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
• Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF  
• Sunday services:  
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex  
- 11 a.m. at TAMC  
• Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

**Gospel Worship**  
• Sunday, noon. at MPC  
• Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

**Islamic Prayers and Study**  
• Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex  
• Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC  
• Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)**  
• Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

**Pagan (Wicca)**  
• Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

**Protestant Worship**  
• Sunday Services  
-9 a.m. at MPC  
-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel  
-10 a.m. at HMR  
-10:30 a.m. at AMR  
-11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)  
-11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)

**Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**  
• Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF



**Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)**

Fri., June 10, 7 p.m.  
Sun., June 12, 5 p.m.



**Central Intelligence Studio Appreciation: Free Admission (PG-13)**

Sat., June 11, 4 p.m.  
(Doors open at 2 p.m.)

(Closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

community  
Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

Today

**Red Cross** — Three volunteers are being sought to help the Red Cross respond to the devastating damage from the Texas floods and tornadoes. Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), call 1-800-Red-Cross, for more information about volunteering. Donations are also accepted by texting the word TXFLOODS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Donations will be used to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from these disasters.

11 / Saturday

**SB Kolekole** — The walking-hiking trail is closed June 11-12, due to live-fire training.

**King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade** — One of the state's largest parades begins at King and Richards Streets, 9 a.m., and ends at Kapiolani Park. Participants include 6,000 marchers, 50 vehicles, 10 floats and eight bands. Visit [http://hawaii.gov/dags/king\\_kamehameha\\_commission](http://hawaii.gov/dags/king_kamehameha_commission).

**Sports Physicals and Immunizations** — Back-to-school walk-in check-ups at the TAMC Family Medicine Clinic are available, 8 a.m.-noon, June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 23. Bring military IDs and immunization records. Open to all TAMC Medicine Clinic enrollees ages 4-18. Call 433-2778 for an appointment.

**Sgt. Smith Theater** — Advance screening of "Central Intelligence," 4 p.m., will be held at the SB theater. Doors open at 2 p.m., with tickets available at the Schofield Food Court. Call 237-4502.

FLORAL PARADE SATURDAY



Photo courtesy of the Hawaii Tourism Authority

**HONOLULU** — Decorative floats annually, and again this Saturday morning, ride through the streets of Waikiki as groups around the state celebrate the legacy of King Kamehameha during the annual parade held in his honor.

12 / Sunday

**Keiki Sunday** — Sea Life Park features the often misunderstood world of sharks, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Two children, 3-12 years old, will receive free entry with each paying adult.

In addition to enjoying access to Sea Life Park's shows and animal exhibits, keiki can also take part in special activities featured throughout the day, including special exhibits and demonstrations about sharks, arts and crafts, and live entertainment.  
Call 259-2500 or visit [www.sealifeparkhawaii.com](http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com).

**Adolescent Summer School/Sports Physicals** — Sunday appointments available for ages 4-11 on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 and Aug. 7 & 21 at TAMC Pediatrics. For adolescents, ages 12-plus, appointments are available on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 and Aug. 14 & 21. Schedule at Central Appointments at 433-6697.

**Sunday Polo Games** — The Hawaii Polo Club season is

underway on the North Shore at Mokuleia with matches every Sunday through Sept. 4. The parking lot opens at 11 a.m.; matches begin at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10-\$25. Visit [hawaii-polo.org](http://hawaii-polo.org) or call 220-5153.

14 / Tuesday

**SB Blood Drive** — World Blood Donor Day seeks all blood types, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the SB Exchange; must not have donated in the past eight weeks, weigh at least 110 pounds, have a picture ID and be at least 17 years old. Call 433-6699.

**18 / Saturday**  
**Pearl Harbor Visitors Center** — On Father's Day weekend, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., June 18-19, the park will be holding a "Preserving Battleship Row Mooring Quays" open house. This free event at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will feature talks on historical preservation, "Ask a Park Ranger," a hands-on activity making concrete miniature replicas of the USS Arizona mooring quay, and exhibits. Hawaii-

based youth groups interested in getting involved with the open house, contact [esaito@pacifichistoricparks.org](mailto:esaito@pacifichistoricparks.org).

**Sea Life Park** — The USO Hawaii will host a free event for military members and their families from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 18th, at Sea Life Park. Enjoy an evening out at the 4th Annual Twilight Tribute to the Troops. The park will be closed to the public, food will be available for purchase, and continuous parking shuttles will run from Bellows AFS. Call 422-1213.

**Honolulu BBQ and Blues Festival** — Hilton Hawaiian Village hosts this festival celebrating barbecue, hosted by three-time world champion Pitmaster Myron Mixon, 3-9 p.m., including a variety of southern BBQ sides and a Georgia-inspired dessert station. Admission is \$20, \$10 with valid military ID, at the door \$30. Children under 15 are free. Visit [www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com](http://www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com).

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USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii  
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific  
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

and Recreation  
FRG: Family Readiness Group  
FS: Fort Shafter  
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation  
IPC: Island Palm Communities  
PFC: Physical Fitness Center  
SB: Schofield Barracks  
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge,


ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA  
BCT: Brigade Combat Team  
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion  
Co.: Company  
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services  
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program  
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare

**Calendar abbreviations**  
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command  
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division  
ACS: Army Community Service  
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan  
AFTB: Army Family Team Building  
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation



TAMC TIP

Men’s Health Month



Courtesy of Army Public Health Center

The purpose of Men’s Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

Some of the main areas of focus are: cardiovascular health, sexual reproductive health, mental health, prostate health, diabetes and cancer.

For more information on men’s health visit [www.menshealthresourcecenter.com](http://www.menshealthresourcecenter.com).

# Military E-health system expands

TRICARE  
News Release

Health records will be shared electronically and securely throughout several private and federal agencies as part of the new Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record Health Information Exchange Initiative. The Military Health System joined the eHealth Exchange enterprise-wide, June 1.

“Sharing information through the eHealth Exchange, your health care providers have a more complete, secure and efficient view of your health record and can help you make the best decisions for your health,” said Dr. William Roberts, who has helped MHS personnel during the electronic health records development process. “In addition, you won’t have to hand-carry copies of your health records when you seek care from partner providers.”

The new VLER HIE is available at all military hospitals and clinics for active duty service members and veterans. It was tested for family members at Madigan Army



Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and the Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Beneficiaries were automatically enrolled June 1. Those who didn’t want to participate could to choose to opt-out earlier.

“Recognizing that some people might have privacy concerns, those not on active duty, may choose not to participate in VLER Health,” Roberts said. “We (set up) a process to give those people the chance to opt out.

But we do want them to understand that if they do decide to opt out, health care providers might not have access to medical information, even in an emergency. And if they ever want to opt back in, that’s easy to do.”

The system gives health care providers easier ways to share important information, such as prescriptions, allergies, previously documented illnesses, lab and radiology results, and past medical procedures.

A key benefit of VLER HIE is it can connect to different health and benefit information systems, no matter if the care is received at a DoD facility, Veteran Affairs hospital or clinic, or through federal or private providers.

“We’re making sure all of our active-duty, retirees and family members get the care they need and deserve,” Roberts said. “Part of that is making sure everyone is able to share important information easily and seamlessly.”

For more information on VLER HIE Initiative, and the change, visit [TRICARE.mil/VLER](http://TRICARE.mil/VLER).

# Peak moving season arrives with a mega backlog

LOGISTICS READINESS CENTER  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Due to peak moving season, the Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) is providing the following crucial information to help alleviate tensions being encountered when visiting its office.

For all service members needing shipment or storage, their first priority is to obtain their orders. The LRC is unable to provide services without orders. Afterwards, look to the following tips for the most common types of moves:

**Routine PCS**

Soldiers making a permanent change of station, or PCS move, must go to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) and complete the required Defense Personal Property System (DPS) Self-Counseling (either at home, the library, or an available LRC computer, which is first-come, first served) and then get validated one of three ways:

- Obtain a slot in a DPS SC validation group briefing*, Tuesday or Thursday.
- Try for walk-in slot (first-come, first-served) at Schofield Barracks-PPPO (Personal Property Processing Office)*, Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.
- Try for walk-in slot (first-come, first-served) at Fort Shafter-PPPO*, Monday-Wednesday at noon-3 p.m.

**Retirees**

Retirees will be seen in 1 of 2 options:

- Obtain a scheduled one-on-one counseling appointment*. Get the next available time/date (often weeks out).
- Try for a walk-in slot (first-come, first-served), only, at SB*, Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.

**Separatees**

Separatees will be seen in 1 of 3 options:

- Obtain a scheduled one-on-one counseling appointment*, next available time/date (often weeks out).
- Obtain a slot in the weekly Wednesday Expiration Term of Service ETS/Separation Group-Counseling*, only at SB.
- Try for a walk-in slot (first-come, first-served), only, at SB*, Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.

**2016 situation updates**

For Hawaii, requested pack-pickup dates have been directed for a 30-day Government Business Day (GBD) black-out window, by Joint Personal Property Shipping

Office (JPPSO-Hawaii), the agency that books actual shipment requests and Transportation Service Providers (TSP/movers).

- No shipment requests can be submitted within the 30-GBD window*. The JPPSO-HI (as the booking office) has been trying to accommodate numerous short-fused requests as they arise, and have finally reached a point where the island moving industry is saturated and overbooked.
- TSP/movers have begun completely blacking out dates in the DPS system at an alarming rate, causing shipment bookings to be returned to JPPSO-HI for re-booking*, creating additional stress for all involved. As of May 27, many actual bookings have not been picked up or dates have been pushed back later by TSP/movers.
- Please do not call JPPSO-HI, as they cannot guarantee a date change*. Once you are assigned a TSP/mover, then you can potentially arrange a date change with that mover/TSP.
- Also, due to the high volume of household goods (HHG) moves, movers seem to be unavailable for smaller unaccompanied baggage (UB) shipments*. Customers and all service commands (Army, USAF, USN, USMC, USCG, Reserve, National Guard, and DoD) are being advised of other options, which should be considered, or may need to be utilized in lieu of UB, such as consolidating and only doing an HHG shipment or requesting a personally procured move (PPM) for UB items.

As the servicing transportation for Army in Hawaii and remote locations in the Pacific, please understand that LRC has no control over peak season or black-out/closed-out dates with the island moving industry.

**Reminders**

Please know that LRC understands that many may have received orders very short-fused, and may have housing, schooling, job, or lease issues, but LRC staff are unable to control or affect the current peak moving situations.

Other offices/agencies, to include Carlson Wagonlit Travel/SATO, Housing, and Garrison’s Directorate of Human Resources, have also been made aware of this unusual peak moving season with much more firm black-out dates from the island moving industry, and those offices/agencies are also having to make the adjustments to flights, housing clearing dates, amendments to leave/available dates and even adjusting report dates on orders.

Many Soldiers are also choosing the back-up plan

Courtesy photo

option of assigning a power of attorney (POA). Many units or commands have also been stepping in to assist and find or appoint someone from the unit (if necessary) to assist for available POA agents, to be available for the Soldier’s eventual pack-out date(s).

Contact LRC

Any and all issues or concerns should be addressed through the government chain of command, at LRC:

- LRC interim director, Marla O’Brien, 656-2400
- LRC interim transportation officer, Ed Blaser, 656-2391
- LRC business manager, John Gearhart, 656-2401